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UM ESTABLISHES EXCHANGE WITH FINNISH UNIVERSITY

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The University of Montana recently finalized an exchange agreement with the University of Helsinki, Finland's oldest and largest university. The agreement allows for the exchange of students and members of the faculty and staff.

Located in Finland's cultural and intellectual center, the University of Helsinki comprises nine faculties on five campuses and has more than 33,000 students -- 1,400 of whom are international students from around the world. Its faculties are theology, law, medicine, arts, science, agriculture and forestry, education, social sciences and veterinary medicine.

"The University of Helsinki is arguably the best university in northern Europe," said Mark Lusk, director of international programs at UM. "This represents an extraordinary opportunity for our students and faculty to work at a premier research institution."

The institution is officially bilingual -- with courses in Finnish and Swedish -- but an increasing portion of the curriculum is offered in English. A guide to courses offered in English is available in UM's Office of International Programs, Room 022 in Main Hall.

UM now has partnerships with 12 foreign universities. To learn more about exchange possibilities, visit the international programs Web site at www.umt.edu/oip.

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